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SUBJECT: POLITICAL AMNESTY: COMMENTS OF GENERAL PEREDA

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1. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO TALK PRIVATELY WITH
GENERAL JUAN PEREDA ABOUT THE POLITICAL AMNESTY ANNOUNCED
EARLIER THIS WEEK. I TOLD PEREDA THAT THE ACTION ON POLITICAL
PRIOSNERS WAS QUITE FAVORABLE, BUT THAT THE CONTINUED
EXCLUSION OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POLITICAL EXILES COULD
CALL INTO QUESTION THE FAIRNESS OF THE JULY ELECTIONS. I
MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR THE CASE OF HERNAN SILES ZUAZO. I
ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONS TO THE AMNESTY LIST
IN COMING WEEKS.

2. PEREDA SAID THAT THE LIST PUBLISHED THIS WEEK WOULD BE
THE MAJOR LIST, BUT THAT THERE COULD BE SOME ADDITIONS. HE
SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF
ANYONE ON THE LIST OF 348 EXILES TO RETURN TO BOLIVIA, INCLUDING
HERNAN SILES. HE SAID THE SILES CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE
CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY, HOWEVER, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD
INFORMATION THAT SILES INTENDED TO TRY TO DISRUPT THE ELECTIONS.
(I HAD HEARD A SIMILAR REPORT ON HERNAN SILES YESTERDAY FROM
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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, BUT I HAVE NO RELIABLE INFORMATION ON
SILES' PLANS.)

3. I CLOSED THIS SUBJECT BY NOTING TO PEREDA THAT WHAT
MOST OF THE WORLD KNEW ABOUT SILES WAS THAT HE WAS A POSSIBLE
OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, AND THEREFORE HIS CASE WOULD
BE JUDGE AS ONE AFFECTING THE FAIRNESS OF THE ELECTIONS. THE GOB

WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER HIS LIKELY APPLICATION FOR RETURN TO
BOLIVIA IN THIS LIGHT AS WELL.
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